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11. [redacted] was calm and nervous at the beginning of the interrogation but relaxed somewhat as it progressed. She appeared to be an intelligent woman, under considerable emotional strain, the clear-headed and controlled. She said that she had never joined the NSDAP, nor did any pressure ever been brought to bear on her to do so. She had been, however, a member of the Deutscher Arbeiterfront and of the VC Workers League, two national associations of the Nazi Party.

First, during the war she was fully devoted to her sister, SS Telephonistin and Lagerkassierin for our Waffen SS, and Polizei Unter gruppen führer and head of the SS for the entire SS Einheitsstadt (SSA), and while she was willing enough to reply to questions concerning the organization and personnel of the SSA, it was almost impossible to elicit from her any details of or general observations on the nature and scope of the work of Amt VI, or the particular activities of Schenckmann.

After some questioning regarding persons connected with the NKVD, Tri. Sotienko suggested that if she were allowed to consult her former assistant, Tri. Kuznetsov, who was interned at the camp, she might be able to refresh her memory as to the names and functions of the officers of the NKVD. This was agreed, and Kuznetsov was brought out as first attached to the file as well as the file on the NKVD. - First names have been taken down as they were recalled by interrogations).

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According to Mr. Schlenke, Schellenger exerted an "important" influence on Himmler, particularly during the six or eight months immediately preceding Germany's collapse in 1945, through Himmler, an increasing influence as well as Joseph Goebbels' lieutenant in accord with his position as chief of Amt IV of the NSDA. (u) Himmler, who was "discredited" with the collapse of Germany's Hitler, would apparently not have been devoted to his relationship to Schellenger, and it was obvious from Mr. Schlenke's remarks that she, at least, believed the changes might have been effected had Goebbels held the position.

As is known, Eichensberg was delegated to meet with Count Bernadotte in April 1945 and to accompany him to Sweden to negotiate the surrender of German troops in Norway and Denmark. Prior to that time, he had been involved in, and seems to have been the father of, the plan whereby a certain number of Jews and political prisoners were to be released from concentration camps - a plan motivated less, it may be, by humanitarian considerations than by the desire to clear up a bad reputation abroad. Himmler, said Bernadotte, had given his approval to the plan and was

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Mrl. Wilhelmine (of October 19, 1940), had reportedly been taken to England for detailed interrogation. The Department may wish to ask the British, through the appropriate channels, for copies of the resulting reports. Thormer, who controlled and released the majority of the German's propaganda and "cultural" work, had been transferred from Neu Munster and was being subjected to a detailed interrogation of some weeks' duration by British authorities elsewhere in Germany. It is hoped that before this Mission's departure from Germany, copies of the report resulting from this interrogation of Thormer will have been received as promised from OSI (A) Headquarters, British Army of the Rhine, Das Ceynausson.

This Mission has sent the Department reports of interrogations of seven of the persons listed. Others questioned either told nothing of interest or merely corroborated such information as was given by their colleagues.

Certain additional information obtained by the interrogators at Neu Munster and believed to be of interest only to the State Department is transmitted in the form of enclosures to this despatch.

I have the honor to be, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

DeWitt C. Poole
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Special Representative

Enclosures: 11

1. Interrogation of Mrl.
Maria Luise Wilhelmine Schmitz
2. Interrogation of Heinz Willy
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